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1. Only one-half of the Polish Six Year Plan for shipbuilding has been fulfilled. Thirty percent of the remainder of the plan has been cancelled with the approval of the Russians.
2. The main reason for the failure to complete the plan lies in the fact that the plan itself was far too grandiose and so far beyond capacity that, when it was observed that it was utterly impossible to achieve the goal, all concerned became apathetic. In addition to this, there has always been a lack of zeal on the part of the Polish workmen and continuous minor labor troubles.
3. The Russians have refrained from taking very strong disciplinary measures because of the further slowing down which this would entail; instead, they have filled the various offices concerned with Russians and in the future there will be stricter supervision of progress. The Russians are extremely eager to get as much of the work finished as possible and negotiations between Poland and Holland for the completion of vessels there are now being conducted.

25X14. A contract has already been signed for the SS GDANSK (4,000 tons) to be
25X1 completed [] and the hull is about to be towed there. The engines for
25X1 this ship are also to be taken to [] be fitted.

3. Similar negotiations are being conducted [redacted] for the SS LODZ (4,000 tons) and for the SS WARSZAWA (now rechristened NOWA HUTA). 1

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7. The retarding of the Six Year Plan is particularly noticeable in regard to the 10,000 ton vessels, for which the Diesel engines are being made at Fiat, Turin. There has been continuous trouble with the blue prints and not one hull has been laid down thus far. It is probable that out of the thirteen ships planned, only five will be completed within the Six Year Plan period.

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[REDACTED] Comment: This vessel was believed to have been completed in July 1952, but [REDACTED] the ventilators were needed for a Soviet vessel and were therefore removed from the NOWA HUTA.

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